



Amici d'Italia

Lodge 2791

Jacksonville, Florida

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The Amici Newsletter

February 2026

FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Two major items this month: last chance to renew your membership in a timely manner and our elections for the next Council 2026-2028. The Nominating Committee report to date is on page 6. In February, more nominations are allowed from the floor, and the Election is held after appointment of Electors. Installation is at our Annual St. Joseph's Dinner in March 2026.

At our February general meeting, we will also have a belated Carnivale celebration, as Lent begins. Please join us for another enjoyable evening!

On Saturday, February 7, at 5:15 pm, we will attend a Catholic Mass in honor of Bob Sussan, our deceased Orator, at the church of San Juan del Rio, 1718 FL-13, Fruit Cove 32259. Please attend if your schedule permits.

Avanti,
Annette



ABOUT US



The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA) is the largest and oldest national organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States. Founded in 1905 as a mutual aid society for early Italian immigrants, today OSDIA has thousands of family members located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, making it the leading service and advocacy organization for the nation’s estimated 26 million people of Italian descent. Our missions include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities; preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy.

Join us for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for
 Bob Sussan at San Juan del Rio Catholic
 Church 1718 State Road 13 Switzerland, fl.
 The Date is Saturday February 7th, at the

5:15pm

*"Lord, you give me light, you
 dispel my darkness."
 Psalm 138:28*



February Birthdays

Jennifer Burroughs

Julie Fiorello

Leigh Lemme

Rafael Roman

Lisa Bailen

Brenda Harris

Antoinette O'Connor Julianne Romanello

Jack Cosentino

Cynthia Henn

Nancy Perrone

Richard Thompson

Catherine DiTrapani

Lee Holmgren

Carolyn Roggio



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications for 2025 now available
 Contact Chair Lucy Cortese



The Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSIDA) promotes, enhances, and encourages the *study of Italian heritage and culture*. Our local chapter offers two scholarships to high school seniors of Italian descent who display academic excellence and leadership abilities. Applications are available for students from public and private high schools in Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, and Nassau counties.

A completed application and supporting materials are **due by March 13, 2026**. Award decisions will be announced by **Friday, April 3, 2026**. Recipients will be honored at a chapter recognition dinner on April 17th. For more information or a scholarship application, contact chair Carmen Roman cir7331@gmail.com Click on the link for the application.

<https://tinyurl.com/2xuup2x6>



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Information, Activities and Updates

Meetings Mailing Address Contact Information



- Council meets 1st Tuesday of the month.
- Lodge meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30pm at *Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church 7860 Southside Blvd, Jax Fl. Friday February 20, at 6:30pm*
- Mail address: Amici D'Italia Lodge 2791 PO Box 8985 Jacksonville, FL 32239-8985
- President: Annette Guarino email annette57@aol.com phone 914-548-7821
- Newsletter: Sal Santapola email saldesanta@gmail.com phone 904-887-8758
- Compassion: Georgianne Pionessa email ajp19@comcast.net phone 904-727-7112.
- Webmaster: www.italiainjax.org Giancarlo Zepeda email support@pendabrytemetal.com



The book club meets periodically at 6:30pm. Meeting at Toni O'Connor's home 12234 Spiney Ridge Drive South Jacksonville, FL 32225. Next meeting Thursday February 26, 2026 at 6:30pm. Book Discussion: *The Unraveling Julia* by Lisa Scottoline
Chair Leader Cheryl Callavini 904-744-1779
RSVP to attend as this is a gated community call or text Toni at 732-272-3910

Golf Shirt/Name Tag



Golf Shirt - Cost \$25 - Name Tags Cost is \$13
Contact Annie Sheen for Golf Shirt or Name Tags. Anniesheen@comcast.net
Italian Heritage Cook Book - \$20 - Purchase at the general meeting.

Scholarship



Scholarships - Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

National Leadership Grants – General Information
Through the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF), and tens of thousands of family members located in all fifty states and the District of Columbia, the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA) has awarded tens of millions of dollars in scholarships to date. The Foundation is excited to support more talented youth to achieve their dreams. Scholarship applications due by March 13, 2026(See page 2 for more information.)

Committees



We continue to reach out for volunteers to assist on each committee which are the following: **Fraternity, Philanthropy, Membership, Culture, Finance & Communications.**
Committees established and are on going are: Fraternity, Finance, Philanthropy (Charities & Scholarship). Contact Sal Santapola @ saldesanta@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.



Join us for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for in remembrance of Bob Sussan at San Juan del Rio Catholic Church 1718 State Road 13 Switzerland, Fl. Saturday February 7th, at 5:15pm

Restaurant Social Wednesday February 25, 6pm



Join us on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6pm for fellowship & excellent food at Blue Bamboo - Canton Bistro 10110 San Jose Boulevard Jacksonville, Florida 32257 (904) 646-1478
[Web page Blue Bamboo – Canton Bistro in Jacksonville, Florida](#)



- February 3 Council Meeting 6:30pm
- February 7 Mass for Bob Sussan at San Juan del Rio 5:15pm
- February 20 General Meeting 6:30pm
- February 25 Restaurant Social Blue Bamboo 6pm
- February 26 Book Club 6:30pm

**January 16, 2026 FRIDAY GENERAL MEETING
A Bright New Year 2026**

At our General Meeting, members enjoyed pizza, salad, and a great turnout. Our special guest, Patrick Wilkins (pictured left), presented the Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside Italy Land Tour. Also discussed were our upcoming Officer Elections at the February meeting. A Slate of Officers was presented, and nominations remain open to all members.





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A little about me personally: my maiden name is Bosio, and my family originates from the Piedmonte region of Italy. I still have extended family in San Stefano Belbo, and I even have a cousin who recently purchased a place just outside of Rome — so Italy is always close to my heart.

Outside of work, I'm also an artist and spend many joyful hours in my studio. I love meeting new people, getting to know them, and helping them find a vehicle that truly fits their needs.

If you're shopping for your next car — or you just want to say hello — I'd love to help. Ciao!

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SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

Each month OSDIA will feature **two members**: one sharing their professional life and accomplishments and one sharing their personal or family story and interests. Help us get to know each other—volunteer or nominate a member for the March issue.

Name

- **Spotlight type:** Professional / Personal
- **Work profession:** title & employer
- **Family background:** one line (origins, heritage, or notable story)
- **Short bio:** 50–75 words (career highlights or personal story)
- **Photo:** optional
- **Contact email**
- **Preferred month:** optional

Deadline for March Feb 20 — please send submissions early to allow editing and layout.

Send submissions to: Giancarlo Zepeda — support@pendabrytemetal.com



Officer Elections

Our Lodge will conduct Officer Elections during the February General Meeting. A prepared slate of officers will be presented; however, all positions remain open, and members are invited to submit their names during the nomination period.

- ◆ Nominations will take place at the meeting
- ◆ Elections will be held at the meeting, with additional nominations accepted from the floor

Slate of Officers

President:	Dominic Addeo
Vice President:	Mark Gregorio
Recording Secretary:	Open
Orator:	Mo Cooper
Financial Secretary:	Dominick Sorrentino
Treasurer:	Annie Sheen
Trustees:	1. Jennifer Burroughs
(Vote for any 5)	2. Jack Consentino
	3. Joe Pecorella
	4. De Santapola
	5. Mary Wright
	6. Kathleen Guiliano
Mistress of Ceremonies	Margie Rimmer
Master Mistress of Ceremonies	Open
(2nd position)	

If you want to help shape the future direction of the Lodge, this is your opportunity to get involved.

Nomination Committee Contacts:

- Mark Gregorio – mgregorio05@comcast.net
- Mo Cooper – moeppi@yahoo.com
- Annie Sheen – anniesheen@comcast.net



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FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK ON THE LINK

<https://tinyurl.com/bdh9s4b5>



The Alhambra Theatre & Dining is set to host the musical **Saturday Night Fever** on. This 70's throwback musical follows the story of Tony Manero, a working-class Brooklyn kid who becomes a disco dance sensation. The show is set to iconic disco hits and will be a 70's throwback musical experience.

Saturday Matinee September 19th 2026 at Alhambra Dinner Theatre

Dinner: 12:00 PM – 1:40 PM Performance: 1:50 PM

We've reserved **60 seats** for this special matinee.

Join us for an afternoon of Broadway entertainment, delicious dining, and warm fellowship at the beloved Alhambra Dinner Theatre. It's always a crowd favorite — a perfect way to spend time together and enjoy the arts.

Cost: \$75.00 per person (includes dinner, show, and gratuity)

Please click the link to purchase:

1 Ticket \$75 plus \$2 transaction fee = \$77 <https://tinyurl.com/36ct7wz7>

2 Tickets \$150 plus \$4 transaction fee = \$154 <https://tinyurl.com/45jbjbjx>

You may also pay by check at the Lodge Meeting.

Make checks payable to: Italian American Club

Contact Sal Santapola if you want to book seats at saldesanta@gmail.com



December 30, 2025

Dear OSDIA Members,

As our fiscal year-end approaches, this is a reminder that your annual membership will be due no later than January 31, 2026, this is our General Letter to all members, and you will not receive a separate invoice. Read the General Membership Invoice below.

We thank you for your continued support, as membership is the key to our success. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Dominick

Dominick Sorrentino

Financial Secretary/Membership

<u>General Membership Invoice to All Members</u>
Lodge Membership \$50 per member January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
Mail Out Date December 30, 2025
Annual Dues: \$50.00 for one member; \$100 two members
Payment can be made at General Meeting Friday January 16, 2026, or mail your check
Make check payable to OSDIA and mail to:
Amici D'Italia Lodge P.O. Box 8985, Jacksonville, Florida 32239-8985
<i>Please remit payment no later than January 31, 2026</i>
Contact: Dominick Sorrentino 904-866-8527 email dmn1sorr@comcast.net



February/March
2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Council Meeting 6:30pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Ash Wed.	19	20 General Meeting 6:30pm	21
22	23	24	25 Restaurant Social 6pm Blue Bamboo	26 Book Club Meeting 6:30pm	27	28
1 March	2	3 Council Meeting 6:30pm	4	5	6	7

BUON SAN VALENTINO!

[Happy St. Valentine's Day!]